

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1, of the specification with a clean version of the following marked-up paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial Number 09/528,263, filed March 17, 2000, entitled "DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM INCLUDING A COMPACT EASILY-EXTENSIBLE AND SERVICEABLE FIELD CONTROLLER," which is a continuation of U.S. Serial Number 09/443,774, filed November 19, 1999, entitled "DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM INCLUDING A COMPACT EASILY-EXTENSIBLE AND SERVICEABLE FIELD CONTROLLER," which is a continuation of 08/560,167, ~~filed November 18, 1999~~ originally filed November 20, 1995, and on which a continued-prosecution-application was filed November 18, 1999, entitled "DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM INCLUDING A COMPACT EASILY-EXTENSIBLE AND SERVICEABLE FIELD CONTROLLER," ~~which is a continuation (CPA) of U.S. Serial Number 08/560,167, filed November 20, 1995, entitled~~ ~~"DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM INCLUDING A COMPACT EASILY-EXTENSIBLE AND SERVICEABLE FIELD CONTROLLER,"~~ which claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Serial Number 60/005,279, filed October 10, 1995, entitled "DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM INCLUDING A COMPACT EASILY-EXTENSIBLE AND SERVICEABLE FIELD CONTROLLER."